English 8

The Research Process

To Cite or Not to Cite

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You MUST CITE the source of information when you use

* Words copied from another source.
* Ideas from another person, even when you express them in your own words.
* Specific information that is not common knowledge.
* Charts, graphs, pictures, or maps from other sources.

You DO NOT NEED TO CITE the source of information when you use

* An idea, fact, or opinion that is yours.
* Information that is common knowledge (facts or ideas easily found in general reference sources).
* Common sayings or phrases.

Decide whether or not a person needs to cite the information source in the following situations. Write a checkmark and the reason for your answer in the appropriate blank.

1. You begin your report on nutrition with the saying, “An apple a day keeps the doctor away.”

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ need to cite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ no need to cite

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1. As you write about why all students should do acts of community service, you provide a summary of a magazine article that offers more ideas to support your argument.

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1. In a report, you include a U.S. map you found that pinpoints the ten cities with the most pollution.

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1. In a science report, you write that objects are pulled toward the center of Earth because of gravity.

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1. When preparing a biography on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., you learn about his views on leadership from a website and then put that information into your own words.

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In the following paragraph, each sentence is numbered. Decide which sentences contain information that must be cited.

1. Skeleton is a sport that was permanently added to the winter Olympics in 2002. (2) The “thrilling event begins with the board push”: the athlete, called a slider, quickly runs down the icy track while pushing the sled, otherwise referred to as the skeleton. (3) Then, with a running leap, the racer dives, headfirst, onto the skeleton. (4) A training coach commented, “Speed is important, but balance is essential.” (5) According to the official Olympic rules, the skeleton must be steered only by movements of the athlete’s body, so there is no steering equipment. (6) One Olympic slider said his skeleton can reach speeds around 80 miles an hour. (7) It may be a dangerous sport, but the athlete who risks nothing, gains nothing.
2. Write the numbers of the sentences that need to be cited. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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